

Sample Resolution

RESOLUTION

in recognition and support of
California Arts Day, October 3, 2008

WHEREAS, the Arts have tremendous educational value, community value, economic value, and the uniquely American value of the pursuit of happiness;

WHEREAS, industries and businesses locate themselves in communities that are the centers of creativity, and California has more than twice as many arts-related jobs than any other state;

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and cultural organizations generate \$5.4 billion to the state's economy, create over 160,000 jobs and contribute \$300 million in state and local tax revenue;

WHEREAS, arts and cultural tourists account for \$17 billion annually, one out of every four dollars spent in the tourism industry, and provide a key component to economic development at the local level;

WHEREAS, theaters and cultural centers draw citizens to commercial hubs and urban centers; serve as homes to local music, theater, dance and other performing arts companies; provide sought-after cultural services, especially for children; and often provide a community identity through architecture;

WHEREAS, children learn critical-thinking skills and improve focus when provided a solid foundation in the Arts; and Arts are a core subject as declared by both the state and federal Departments of Education;

WHEREAS, participation in the Arts offers engaging, constructive and safe environments for young people during the non-school hours when they are most vulnerable to community violence and gang recruitment;

WHEREAS, the Arts build cultural bridges, contribute towards cross-cultural understanding, strengthen the association between identity and citizenship, preserve the traditions and contributions of its citizens, and enhance the quality of life;

WHEREAS, Public Art projects are elements of civic pride and help define and formulate responses to social, economic and cultural issues faced by citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT THE CITY (OR COUNTY) OF _____ RECOGNIZES AND SUPPORTS THE MISSION OF THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL TO ADVANCE CALIFORNIA THROUGH THE ARTS AND CREATIVITY BY DECLARING OCTOBER 3, 2008 CALIFORNIA ARTS DAY.

Mayor (or Supervisor)

Date

City (or County) of _____